



Photo by Senior Airman Neo Martin

Chief Master Sgt. Vicki Orcutt, 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, talks with Chief Master Sgt. William Hammerli, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, before a senior NCO all-call Wednesday at the base theater.

Whiteman celebrates women's history

Charter Chiefs surprise 509er

By Senior Airman Neo Martin

Public Affairs

As Chief Master Sgt. Vicki Orcutt was beginning her life, a group of Airmen were paving the way for her future and the future of the Air Force.

At a recent banquet honoring the Charter Chiefs, Chief Orcutt, the 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, crossed roads with some of those Airmen.

The Charter Chiefs are the first 625 enlisted Air Force members promoted to chief master sergeant Dec. 1, 1959. The chief master sergeant rank was created by Congress as a part of the Career Compensation Act of 1958. It's a direct byproduct of the explosion in technology that took place during and immediately following World War II.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. James Flaschenriem, one of the Charter Chiefs, presented Chief Orcutt with an Honorary Charter Chief Award March 18 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

"I went to the event to pay tribute to (the Charter Chiefs) and they recognized me. It was a surprise — it's a humbling honor," she said.

"Since no ladies were on the first list in 1959, I called a meeting of the board of directors and asked each to nominate one lady for appointment to the honorary rank of Charter Chief." Chief Flaschenriem said, "I recommended Chief Orcutt be appointed because of her outstanding abilities and performance, and the fact she is the command chief of the mightiest bombardment wing in the United States Air Force."

At 27 years of service, Chief Orcutt realizes the groundwork for every Airman is in place for them to achieve the rank of chief. "I joined the Air Force because there is no 'glass ceiling.' Everyone has a chance to excel and grow," she said.

Since June 2004, Chief Orcutt has been responsible for advising the 509th BW commander and senior staff on matters affecting health, morale and welfare of more than 3,300 enlisted members. She also provides guidance on leadership, self-improvement, discipline, job performance and military standards.

Chief Orcutt said, "I love the Air Force. It has been a wonderful ride and when its time to leave, I'll be kicking and screaming."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

R. Lee Erme, retired Marine gunnery sergeant and actor, talks to Team Whiteman members using his famous drill sergeant persona from the movie "Full Metal Jacket" to get the audience's full attention. Mr. Erme was here Monday and Tuesday to film an episode of the History Channel's "Mail Call." Turn to Page 12-13 for a related story and photos.

Antiterrorism takes action

Exercise meets need to demonstrate base security capabilities

By Maj. Don Langley

Public Affairs

Employees and residents on base adhered to tightened security procedures Tuesday as the base temporarily went to a higher force protection condition level.

The event was directed by Air Combat Command as part of a continual requirement to periodically test various security measures.

Vehicles were moved a minimum distance away from various buildings, identification card checks were

required and barriers were placed in some areas to restrict traffic.

"The only way we know we can implement certain security measures is to actually physically accomplish them from time to time," said Mike Wilson, 509th Bomb Wing antiterrorism officer. "Many of our security measures can impact travel and activity on base but that's what they're designed to do. While these events may be an inconvenience on occasion, they're vital to ensuring we can defend the base and protect the critical national assets we operate here."

Because the exercise can impact real world operations, some Airmen may be tempted to cut corners, said Maj. Al Miller, 509th BW Plans Office. Doing so defeats the purpose of the event.

"When we practice these measures, we need every-

Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller

509th Bomb Wing Commander

KEEP 'EM FLYING! Today the wing enjoys a well-earned break after meeting B-2 flying goals for March. This achievement is all the more impressive considering we operated our aircraft in three locations simultaneously for most of the month. You continue to raise the bar and set new standards of achievement! Well done!

WINGMAN KUDOS TO ALL. Our base contributed more than \$55,000 to this year's Air Force Assistance Fund drive — well above our goal! Your generosity is a testament to Whiteman's "wingman spirit." It's humbling to be a part of a community of Airmen who give so much, so often. Thanks for all you do for your fellow Airmen!

MAKING HISTORY. Thanks to the many people throughout the entire wing who supported the visit by the History Channel's "Mail Call" program. Through your efforts, millions of people will have a hard-hitting look at why the B-2 is at the forefront of American airpower. Many of you turned out to meet "The Gunny" on Monday, and his team really enjoyed their interaction with the 509th Bomb Wing. The B-2 segment of "Mail Call" is scheduled to air June 10. Tell your friends and families!

BELTS AND BIKES. Air Combat Command's safety team briefed recent Airman fatalities this week, and well-known trends continued. Riding a motorcycle carries risk — there simply isn't a vehicle around you to provide protection for minor mistakes (yours or others) you might walk away from if you were encapsulated in an automobile. Proper training, mentoring, experience, equipment, and a very alert and cautious attitude are your only defense when you're on a bike. As for seat belts, they made a life-and-death difference in one recent accident. The only person killed in that event was the one who didn't wear their seat belt. Listen up: buckle up!

GIDDYUP. The Oak Ridge Boys will give us a free concert April 10. It's their way of saying "thanks" for the jobs we do as Airmen. Our services squadron is helping host these Grammy-award winning musicians. This issue of the *Whiteman Spirit* has more information. Take advantage of this opportunity for great night of free music!

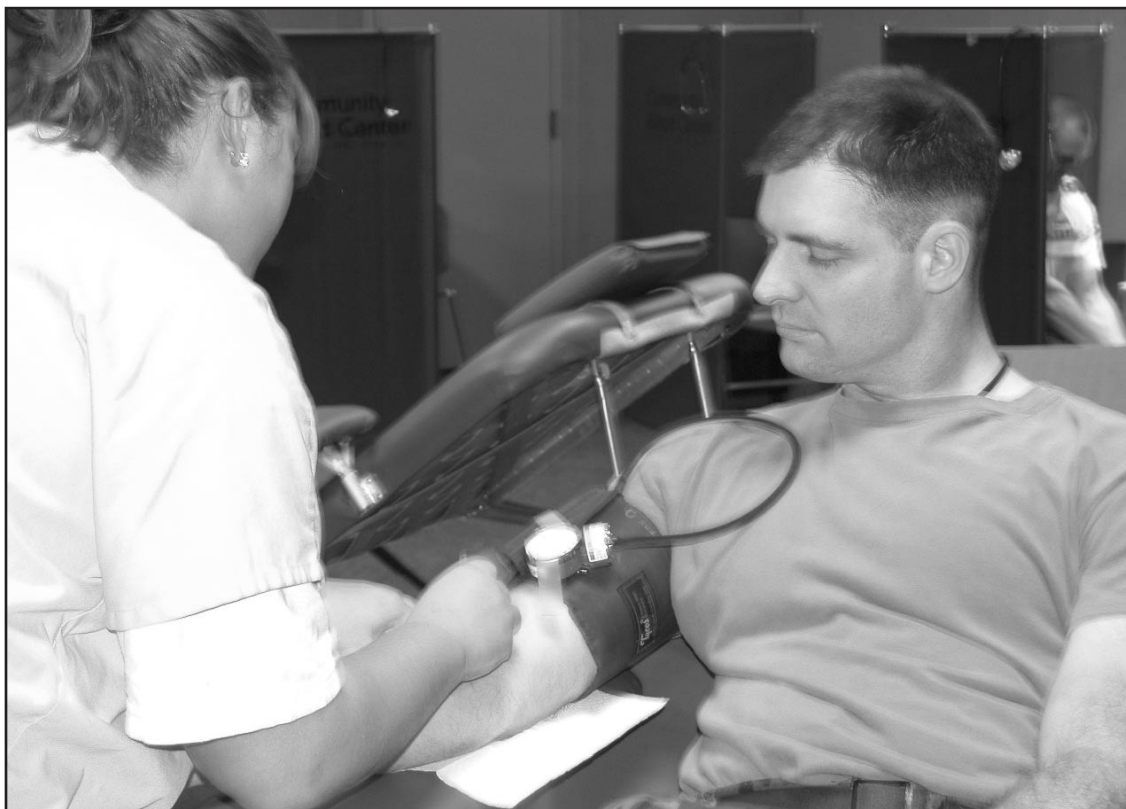


Photo by Melissa Klinkner

Life donation

Megan Vernon draws Tech. Sgt. Eric Holland's blood at the Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club-sponsored blood drive. Sergeant Holland said he gives blood at nearly every blood drive here. "You never know when you're going to need it yourself," he said. Sergeant Holland is a 509th Maintenance Squadron member.

Seize opportunity, make a difference

By Maj. Bryce Thorpe

509th Comptroller Squadron Commander

I write to you from warm and sunny Djibouti, Africa, where we are busy winning hearts and minds in the hope of thwarting future terror attacks.

It has been a great experience and one of which I'm proud to be a part. I consider myself blessed to have a wonderful group of friends, family, and coworkers, who regularly extend a hand to ease the hardship on my family and myself.

Life isn't always easy away from home ... the steak is tough, the lobster is greasy, and they are merciless on those who try to get thirds of dessert. Seriously, there are many challenges to deal with — some days are easier than others.

Fortunately, for me, motivation is never an issue. You see, I'm a pretty simple kind of guy who enjoys mowing the lawn. I get to the end of the row, turn around, and immediately see the results of what I've done — made a difference.

Africa is a land filled with "lawn-mowing" opportunities. Our military is taking them on with determination and pride.

"... the hope of something better can keep folks going."

— Maj. Bryce Thorpe
509th Comptroller Squadron commander

We're digging wells to bring fresh water to the countryside. Fresh water can be a pretty nice thing to have with heat indexes reaching above 130 degrees. When the well is dug, you can walk away knowing you've made a difference. A village now has water. We're repairing and rebuilding schools; schools which will bring opportunity and hope to generations ahead. Even in Africa, they understand the meaning of "the pursuit of happiness." We can't guarantee anyone's success, but the hope of something better can keep folks going when times get tough. We're making a difference.

Every time we do a ribbon cutting for a new clinic, it represents hope for local villagers. Folks whose lives may have been cut short from any number of diseases may now live on to be the next local doctor, teacher or engineer. We

are making a difference.

Opportunities abound even outside of work. Almost daily, groups of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines are going to local orphanages. We're feeding, holding and loving babies who long for attention. We're playing sports with young boys, building character and trying to encourage them in their studies and future vocations. Time with young ladies is spent sharing hope for the future and affirming their value in a society that often fails to recognize it.

Some would say the task is too big and our efforts are but a small ripple in a large ocean. Maybe ... but one at a time we're making a difference. Like the movie "Pay it Forward," perhaps the things we do will be multiplied by those whose lives we touch.

Bringing it closer to home, these things don't just happen here in Africa; they happen to all of us every day.

Take time to step away from the daily grind and ask yourself, "Am I making a difference?" Maybe you can coach sports, teach Scouts, work at crisis pregnancy center, be a foster parent, teach Sunday school or any number of other things which impact the lives of others. Whatever it is, wherever you are — on the job, in your family and in your community — get out and "mow some lawn."

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AF selects new first sergeants

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials have identified Airmen as candidates for first sergeant duty for the second time in two years through a nonvolunteer process. Of the 368 master sergeants chosen for retraining Air Forcewide, six are from Whiteman.

The Whiteman members chosen are Master Sgts. Justin Banks, 509th Security Forces Squadron; John Gaudiello, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Darren McCrory, 509th AMXS; Gary Schnur, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Gregory Tesch, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron; and Randy Walton, 509th Maintenance Squadron.

Historically, first sergeants were chosen from a pool of volunteers. But in recent years, there hasn't been a sufficient number of volunteers to keep the positions filled, officials said.

The Air Force has more than 1,200 first sergeant positions worldwide. Each year, roughly one-third of those positions must be refilled because incumbents either retire or return to their career specialty.

Sergeant Banks is a 17-year veteran who is currently the superintendent of weapon system security for the 509th SFS.

"If the Air Force forces me to be a first sergeant for three years, I definitely wouldn't have a problem with it," he said. "I would do the job 100 percent and my family would probably enjoy the change."

Sergeant Banks said he's been an undershirt on many occasions, but he was primarily involved with the negative aspects, such as Articles 15, trips to jail and tracking down delinquent accounts from off-base establishments.

"I would hope to be involved more in the better side, like helping folks who really need it, preventing problems, and

being involved in awards and recognition programs, and base and community involvement," he said.

"If I knew this was inevitable, I would have volunteered for it about four years ago," he said.

Candidates meet minimum requirements for first sergeant duty, including fewer than 18 years of service, a score of five on their five performance reports and completion of the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy. Candidates also will be interviewed by their unit commander and command chief master sergeant to ensure suitability for the position.

Of the 368 candidates identified, as many as 120 will be chosen and can begin training as early as July.

The First Sergeant Academy at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., is responsible for training new first sergeants and has the capacity to train about 350 a year. Unfortunately, the number of volunteers is predicted to fill only about two-thirds of those slots, officials said.

Air Force officials want to keep that pipeline full, but historically they have had trouble because of the lack of volunteers, said Senior Master Sgt. Chris Anthony, the Air Force's first sergeant special-duty manager.

"If you go out and talk to master sergeants, there is a large percentage who will consider it, and a lot will go out and do it," he said. "But what the issue has been is that we don't actively recruit new first sergeants. In the past, first sergeants were never compelled to recruit their replacements. Over the past couple of years, we've made great progress toward changing that mind-set, but we still have a ways to go."

Sergeant Anthony said many master sergeants have actually considered becoming first sergeants, but they were never encouraged effectively enough to get them to sign up.

"Once somebody took the time to talk to them, they were actually interested," he said. "We feel pretty strongly (that) there are enough people out there who want to do this, but we just haven't been encouraging them enough."

In fact, when word hit the street that the Air Force had identified 368 Airmen as candidates, Sergeant Anthony said people began calling and e-mailing him to volunteer.

Last year, Air Force officials identified about 290 people to retrain into first sergeant duty. For various reasons, about 60 of those were not recommended by their commanders. Of the remaining 230 people, he said, 73 said that being a first sergeant was something they really wanted to do and were classified as volunteers.

"Once (we) explained to them what the job entailed and what the benefits were for them and their career, they were excited about the job and said it was something they thought they would want," Sergeant Anthony said. "Last year, we really had only about 47 people who were selected for first sergeant duty who had not volunteered. The Air Force prefers to fill all the slots with volunteers, but we are not compromising when we select individuals to do the job. Reports from commanders and command chiefs in the field indicate, with rare exception, those (nonvolunteers) are performing at the same level as the volunteers."

"(A command chief) recently told me he couldn't tell the difference from the volunteers and 'voluntolds' and is pleased with the performance of the first sergeants," Sergeant Anthony said.

"Volunteers are still the primary way we man this career field," he said. "And we encourage anyone who meets the qualifications, and who has the desire, to apply." (*Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole, 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs, contributed to this story.*)

Red Carpet Roll Out

Retired Brig. Gen Wilma Vaught

509th Mission Support Group Guest Speaker

News in brief

Free concert scheduled

The Spirit of America Tour presents country music recording artists, The Oak Ridge Boys, in concert. The free show begins at 4 p.m. April 10 at the 442nd Fighter Wing's 5-bay hangar. This event is open to military members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their families. The concert is a presentation of the Robert and Nina Rosenthal Foundation, Inc., a California, non-profit corporation. This event is not open to the general public. For more details, call Meladee Bay at 687-6533.

Daylight savings time begins

Base members are reminded to turn their clocks one hour ahead for daylight saving time Sunday.

The fire department staff reminds base members to change the batteries in their smoke detectors.

LRS announces closure

The 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron Management and Systems Flight Customer Service Section closes at 2-4 p.m. today for an office function. For assistance at that time, call the aircraft parts store at 687-7137.

MPF announces change

The military personnel flight implemented appointment only and walk-in customer service hours:

- ✓ 7:30-11 a.m. walk in, and
- ✓ Noon-3:30 p.m. appointments only.

The customer service section — ID cards and records hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fridays, and 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

MXG hosts annual banquet

The annual Maintenance Professional of the Year Awards banquet begins at 5:30 p.m. April 8 at Mission's End. The speaker is Maj. Gen. Elizabeth Harrell, Air Combat Command director of maintenance and logistics.

The meal is barbecued brisket. The cost is \$8.25 for members and \$10.25 for nonmembers. Military dress is battle dress uniform and civilian dress is business casual. To R.S.V.P., call 687-1211 today.

509th LRS flights limit operations

The 509th LRS Vehicle Management and Traffic Management Flights customer service section will be limited during Lt. Col. Michael Wardell's retirement ceremony at 3 p.m. April 8 in the Bldg. 159 maintenance bay.

Trespassing prohibited

Trespassing is prohibited on any of the combat arms ranges on base. Trespassing is illegal and dangerous due to weapons firing.

The 40 millimeter grenade range is located on the east side of the base adjacent to Highway D.

The rifle, pistol, shotgun and machine gun ranges are located behind Bldg. 1236.

If entry must be made during duty hours, call combat arms at 687-5124, and after duty hours, call Tech. Sgt. Scott Clemens at 647-2460.

School holds open house

The base training and education services center open house take place 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 15. Food and refreshments will be provided.

MDSS welcomes new commander

Rank and Name: Lt. Col. Edwin Burkett
Squadron: 509th Medical Support Squadron

Date assumed command: March 17

Previous assignment: 509th Medical Group staff chief since May 2002

Time in service: 13 years

Commissioning source: ROTC

Family: My wife's name is Lisa. We've been married for 15 years. We have three sons: Dominic, 10, Harrison, 8, and Alexander, 4.

Hobbies/Interests: Serving Christ, sports participant and spectator (football primarily), Kempo Karate and reading.

Why is the squadron important to the Air Force mission: The 509th MDSS provides services to more than 12,000 beneficiaries including our active-duty troops. We have direct impact on the readiness and safety of all of our warriors especially via our bioenvironmental engineering and medical readiness sections. The squadron's services also include lab, pharmacy, radiology, bio-equipment repair, medical logistics, medical resource management, computer systems and TriCare. We provide tremendous support to the clinical care givers to deliver invaluable services to our Whiteman community. Just as pilots can't fly effectively without maintainers and life support, the doctors in the clinics can't deliver the best care without the medical support squadron.

Command philosophy: ARMED for service, ARMED for success.

A = Attitude. Everything needs to start with a positive attitude

R = Respect. Show respect, expect respect, and we will



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson

receive respect with mutual benefit

ME = Maximal Effort. Nothing is easy; we must give our best in everything to reap benefits

D = Deliberate Sacrifice. When we choose to prefer others above ourselves then the greater good is always achieved and individuals, including ourselves, achieve great things.

Whiteman celebrates women’s history month

Pilot’s experience inspires others

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Public Affairs

Maj. Kristin Goodwin was stunned by a 14-year old girl’s words at the women’s technology symposium in Kansas City, Mo., in 2004.

“My dad told me I couldn’t be a pilot,” the teen told Major Goodwin.

“Why not?” said the major, who was preparing to speak to high school students about military careers for women.

“Because he said there aren’t any female pilots,” said the girl.

Major Goodwin stood baffled.

“This isn’t a costume,” Major Goodwin said, gesturing toward her flight suit. “I’m an Air Force pilot.”

The teen told her she had always wanted to become a pilot. Major Goodwin encouraged the girl to follow her ambitions. When Major Goodwin was 10, she shared the same dream.

“I’ve always had a passion for the sky,” said the 509th Operations Group chief of wing scheduling.

Fueled by an inner desire to reach her goal, she took her first steps at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1991. There, she studied mechanical engineering and also competed on the academy’s soccer and parachuting teams.

In the spring of 1993, then-Secretary of Defense Les Aspin lifted the ban that prohibited women from from becoming com-

bat aircraft pilots. The timing couldn’t have been better for Major Goodwin, who graduated from the Academy in June that year.

She finished undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas in 1995.

“I had to work very hard to get to where I am,” said Major Goodwin, 33. “Nothing ever fell in my lap.”

“Anytime she ever met any potential roadblocks, that just caused her to be more determined than ever,” said her father, Guy Goodwin, a retired Coast Guard captain.

“Anytime she was challenged, it made her more determined that she could accomplish whatever the feat was.”

After she graduated from pilot training, the then-second lieutenant set her sights on special operations and flying the MC-130. But at the time, women still weren’t allowed to fly the aircraft. Major Goodwin found an alternate route into special ops, at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, N.M. There, she flew EC-130s with a unit that participated in special ops missions.

“It’s not an easy road that I’ve chosen,” she said. “But I was willing to make the sacrifices to pursue my dreams.”

During Operation Allied Force, Major Goodwin flew combat missions over Bosnia. In 1996, the Daedalians, a group of retired military pilots, named her Pilot of the Year.

While working as an Air Force intern at the Pentagon, she learned about the opportunity to fly the B-2.

“I think there’s a responsibility for all of us to be mentors to each other.”

— Maj. Kristin Goodwin
B-2 pilot

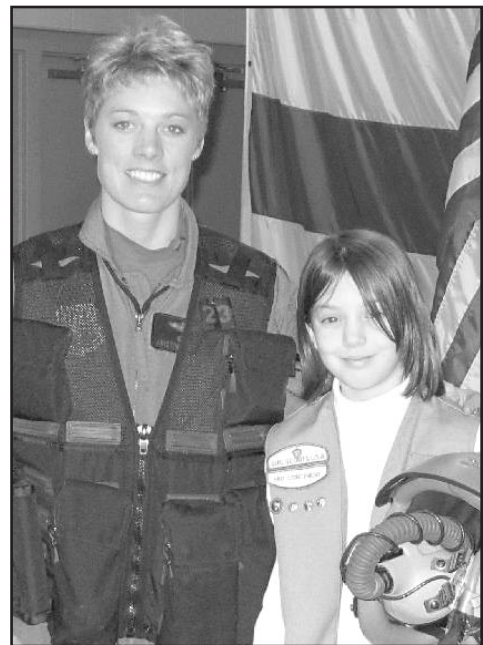
“I saw the B-2 as being the tip of the spear of technology,” said the 11-year Air Force veteran. “I can think of no better community that I would want to be a part of. Not only would I have the privilege of flying the B-2, but I would have the honor of working with the outstanding Whiteman team.”

Major Goodwin said flying the B-2 is one of the highlights of her career.

Already among the first female combat aircraft pilots, Major Goodwin became a pioneer in another sense. In 2001, she became the second female to fly the stealth bomber and has now totaled more than 400 hours.

“Honestly, I’m just another pilot,” Major Goodwin said. “I just go out there and do my job. I have a great opportunity to fly a great airplane and work with outstanding people. I feel very fortunate.”

Today, she passes on the lessons she learned to women of all ages, but she noted women aren’t the only ones who can learn from her experience.



Courtesy photo

Maj. Kristin Goodwin, 509th Operations Group, poses with a Girl Scout at a recent speaking engagement. Major Goodwin also speaks to women’s groups, and high school and elementary school students.

“I think there’s a responsibility for all of us to be mentors to each other,” she said.

“There’s a responsibility to share our excitement and passion and abilities to achieve certain goals.

“If you have dreams, go out there and pursue them. We all face obstacles in our careers and lives and we can either look at them as roadblocks or opportunities.”

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson

Chopper fix

Army Staff Sgt. Andrew Butler, Missouri Army National Guard, removes a panel for maintenance on an AH-64 Apache helicopter. Sergeant Butler is a crew chief in the 1-135th Aviation Battalion.



Keep kitchens free of flames

By Tim Robinson
509th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Inspector

The base fire department staff is concerned about kitchen fires: They shouldn’t happen, and can be avoided. Equipment may occasionally malfunction, which can’t be helped, but in most cases fires are started when cooking, candles or something else is left unattended. The magic word is ‘unattended.’ Whether it’s cooking, candles or anything else; people must not leave these items unattended.

When cases arise where you’re distracted, turn off the stove before leaving the kitchen. If you simply can’t avoid leaving your cooking unattended momentarily, always take something along to remind you of the cooking. For example, carry a spoon to remind you there is something cooking on the stove.

Good housekeeping also helps improve everyone’s chances of preventing fires. Many people don’t properly clean cooking equipment such as exhaust hoods over stoves. Improved housekeeping can help residents reduce fires. Remember these safety tips.

- ✔ Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen or turn off the stove.
- ✔ Should a pan fire occur, use a fire extinguisher, baking soda or a tight-fitting lid to extinguish the fire. If the fire has spread beyond the pan, get out immediately and call 911.
- ✔ Have a fire extinguisher within 10 feet of the stove on the exit side of the room. A 2.5 pound class “ABC” multi-purpose dry chemical extinguisher is recommended. If your stove is gas fueled, the pilot flame could be extinguished while using the extinguisher. Be sure to relight pilot flame or shut off the gas to the appliance.
- ✔ Never use flour or water to extinguish a cooking fire. Flour is combustible and water can spread the fire.
- ✔ Never attempt to carry a burning pan out of the kitchen area; severe burns could result and the fire could spread.
- ✔ Keep the pan handle turned inward so accidentally bumped or grabbed by children.
- ✔ Don’t wear clothing with loose sleeves while cooking. Clothing may ignite or catch a pot handle and pull it off the stove.
- ✔ Ensure combustible objects such as dishtowels, potholders, decorations or boxes sent or near the stove.
- ✔ Keep the stove clean. Don’t allow grease to accumulate on cooking surfaces.

Oven Safety

- ✔ Remove any food or grease that spills inside the oven.
- ✔ Stand to the side of the door when opening to avoid smoke and heat.
- ✔ If there’s a fire in the oven, turn off the oven and allow the fire to die down before opening the oven door. Call 911
- ✔ After extinguishing the fire, be sure to relight the pilot flame or shut off the gas to the appliance if applicable
- ✔ If a fire breaks out in a microwave oven, keep the door closed and unplug it. Don’t remove burning containers from a microwave.

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Wing honors newest enlisted promotees

The 509th Bomb Wing recognized 80 promotees in March. They are:

Chief Master Sgts. James Findley, 509th Security Forces Squadron; and **Steven Gardner**, 509th Maintenance Squadron.

Master Sgts. Barry Culbreath, 509th Medical Support Squadron; **Kenneth Denis**, **Shawn Duensing** and **Billy Haston**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Todd Dev-
ereaux**, **Tania Hollinshed** and **Andrew Scott**, 509th MXS; **David Gillingham**, 509th Munitions Squadron; **Michael Majewski**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **James Osban**, 509th SFS; **James Presley**, 509th Services Squadron; and **Garry Steffens**, 509th Communications Squadron.

Tech. Sgts. James Trudell, **Jeffrey Donathan**, **Andrew Gilbert**, **Timothy Humerickhouse**, and **Brian McDermott**, 509th AMXS; **Dennis Closson**, 509th BW;

Chad Corcoran, 509th MXS; **Steven Grigg**, 509th LRS; and **Shane Holtz**, 509th SFS.

Staff Sgts. John Ward, 509th Comptroller Squadron; **Mayco Batres**, and **Xia Thao**, 509th LRS; **Katty Beutenmuller**, **Steven Bobbitt**, **Gerald Karkiewicz**, and **Ben Simmons**, 509th AMXS; **Gabriel Deverney**, 509th MXS; **Angelia Martinez**, 509th SFS; **Kraig McFadden**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Jason Redding**, 72nd Test And Evaluation Squadron; and **Jason Serpa**, 393rd Bomb Squadron.

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Airmen Christopher Zimmermann, 509th CES; **Chad Carrier** and **Michael Davidson**, 509th LRS; **Kasandra Hatheway**, 509th Munitions Squadron; and **Dustin Graham**, **Roger Roper** and **Troy Smith**, 509th SFS.

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Capt. Jennifer Jeffords

325th Bomb Squadron

Capt. Jennifer Jeffords, 325th Bomb Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Tuesday.

Lt. Col. Tom Bussiere, 325th BS commander, nominated Captain Jeffords for the award.

Since Captain Jeffords arrived at Whiteman, she has helped maintain the squadron heritage room, mentored three ROTC cadets, volunteers as a yoga instructor and lead squadron physical training sessions. She has also worked as the 325th BS representative on the base advisory council and as an additional duty life support and mobility officer.

“Captain Jeffords has been an outstanding Airman since her arrival,” Colonel Bussiere said. “She’s taken it upon herself to take action around the squadron and wing that are above and beyond her normal duties as a B-2 combat aviator and T-38 pilot.

Personally Speaking

Duty title: B-2 pilot

Time on station: 1 year, 8 months

Time in service: 7 years

Hometown: Akron, Colo.

Spouse: Jake

Hobbies: Mountain biking, yoga and woodworking.

Goals: Be the best B-2 pilot I can be.

Best thing about Whiteman: The people.

Pet Peeves: My alarm clock in the early morning.

What motivates your winning spirit? I try to make the best out of every day and every situation.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? Move it closer to Kansas City.

Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed with the superior customer service provided by the nominee.

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one’s full support and involvement,” said Maj. Miller. “Force protection changes are just like every other exercise and inspection we do. All of these activities are directly tied to our warfighting capability. The threats we face are real, and when we practice, it has to be as realistic as possible. You never know who might be watching.”

“Everyone who lives or works on Whiteman has a stake in our security readiness,” said Mr. Wilson. “Take an active interest in our preparations. The exercises typically don’t last long — just long enough for us demonstrate our security capabilities. So when it’s time to practice, make that your focus because practice makes perfect. The rest of the time, if you see something that looks suspicious, notify law enforcement. By working together, we’re a team of nearly 10,000 — Airmen, civilians and family members — ready to defend ourselves and our nation in the ongoing Global War On Terrorism.”

For more information about how to support the wing’s antiterrorism program, contact your unit antiterrorism officer or call Mr. Wilson at 687-3044.

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Former teacher becomes model Airman at clinic

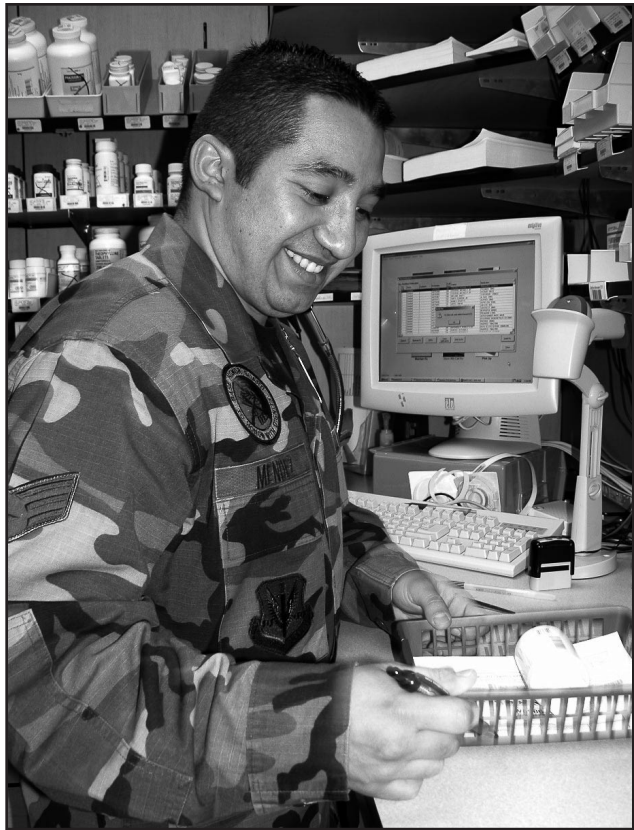


Photo by Carolyn Knothe

Senior Airman David Mendez-Priego, 509th Medical Support Squadron, left his home country, Mexico, to provide a better life for his two sons.

Continuing the LEGACY

By Carolyn Knothe

Special to the Whiteman Spirit

Sitting amid the midday bustle at the base pharmacy, Senior Airman David Mendez-Priego reflected on the attitude that has carried him throughout his life.

“I guess I just do what has to be done,” Airman Mendez-Priego said modestly. “I put in my best effort.”

The 509th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician has certainly shown this to be true throughout his journey from Mexico to Whiteman.

Originally from Villhermosa, in the state of Tabasco, Mexico, Airman Mendez-Priego was originally an English teacher.

Airman Mendez-Priego decided to come to the United States in February 2000 to give his two sons a better quality of life. He and his family moved to Michigan, where the cold temperatures were just one difference from what they knew in Mexico.

“My first job in the states was as a dishwasher,” he said. “Then, I got a job as a construction worker, and also worked in factory.”

In March 2001, he joined the Air

Force.

“When I came to the Air Force, I wanted to serve and support the mission,” he said. “Later, by serving during wartime, I got the opportunity to become a citizen.”

Because of his high Armed Forces Quality Exam scores, Airman Mendez-Priego was able to choose whatever career field he wanted. After trying out nursing, he eventually became a pharmacy technician.

“I love it,” he said. “I like the customer service, being at the window ... I’m a people person.”

The hardest part of the job, Airman Mendez-Priego said, is the workload.

“There’s never a downtime, never a time to sit down because you have nothing else to do,” he added. “But, I’m a very positive person. You make your assignment what you want it to be.”

In addition to these duties at the pharmacy, Airman Mendez-Priego has found time to earn a bachelor’s degree in organizational management and leadership, and serve on the base honor guard.

“I’ve fought the hardest for the school,” he said. “I went to school full-time and finished my bachelor’s in two and a half years in my second language.”

He’s now thinking about a master’s

“He’s a good example for the younger Airmen to follow.”

— Tech. Sgt. Todd Hultz
509th Medical Support Squadron

degree and submitting the paperwork to eventually become an officer.

“I want to make the Air Force a career,” he said.

Tech. Sgt. Todd Hults, the NCO in-charge of pharmacy services, said Airman Mendez-Priego is a vital part of the mission, from his customer service skills to helping Spanish-speaking customers at the pharmacy window.

“He’s an extremely hard worker and very thorough,” Sergeant Hults said. “He’s the one that fills in all the boxes with the college education, making rank and professional military education. He’s a good example for the younger Airmen to follow.”

For Airman Mendez-Priego, it’s all about doing his best, Sergeant Hults said.

“If nobody is doing a job, I’ll do it,” Airman Mendez-Priego said. “If it needs to be led, I’ll lead it. If I need to follow, I’ll follow.”

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SOUTHWEST ASIA — Master Sgt. John Benson and Staff Sgt. Sharica Jenkins-Hill review a computer data base that’s used for accountability. Sergeant Benson is deployed with the 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. He is assigned to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron as a first sergeant. Sergeant Jenkins-Hill designed the database and is deployed from the 2nd Communications Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

1st Sergeant's View

(Editor’s note: The 1st Sergeant’s View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum.)

By Master Sgt. John Benson

509th Civil Engineer Squadron First Sergeant

I’m currently deployed as the 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron first sergeant in Southwest Asia. I’ve been over here just shy of 60 days of my 120-day deployment. Here are a few items that have come to my attention regarding deployments.

First, you must be physically fit for deployment. This starts before your tasking comes down. You must condition your body to handle the different stresses you may have while deployed. Stressors such as working a different shift than what you’re accustomed, the amount of work you’re doing and the new climate. For instance, as I write this, the temperature is 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

All these things take a toll on your body and waiting until you get deployed to become physically fit isn’t the right game plan to have. Having a healthy lifestyle through proper diet and exercise will enable you to perform at your best while you’re in the area of responsibil-

ity and will be a win-win situation for everyone!

Second, you must always have your personal and professional affairs in order. I’ve talked to many troops over here, that for whatever reason were tasked at the last minute to deploy. Deployments are going to be a normal part of your Air Force career and you must be prepared.

Again, this starts before you deploy. Develop financial programs for you and your family, and make sure your family care plan is current.

If you’re married, discuss what your family would do if you were deployed in less than one week. Are they going to remain in the local area or go back home with family or friends? If you’re single, who’s going to look after your apartment or house while you’re gone?

As for your professional affairs, keep yourself current on job-related issues. Get as much training throughout the year as you can. Often, folks deploy and perform a different job than the one they perform at home. Be familiar with all areas of your Air Force specialty code.

The bottom line is to consistently prepare yourself for your first or next deployment. Once deployed, you become part of a new team. You’ll rely on others to perform their jobs just as they’ll rely on you to perform yours.

You owe it to yourself and them to be the expert in your area. Use your time at home to better prepare yourself for future deployments.

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Brian Callahan, Digital Ranch Productions crew member, films footage of “The Gunny,” R. Lee Ermey, as he describes the B-2.

‘MAIL CALL!’ DELIVERS CELEBRITY VISITOR TO WHITEMAN

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

One of the military’s most famous icons on the big screen made B-2 history here Tuesday. R. Lee Ermey, host of the History Channel’s “Mail Call,” became the first actor to fly in a B-2 Spirit Bomber.

Mr. Ermey, best known for his role as the lead drill instructor in Stanley Kubrick’s 1987 cult classic “Full Metal Jacket” filmed “Mail Call’s” 76th episode here. The show, which first aired in 2002, featured an in-depth look at the stealth bomber, and its pilots and aircrews.

Mr. Ermey, who also was featured in the films “Saving Silverman” and “Texas Chainsaw Massacre,” flew about 90 minutes in the *Spirit of Kitty Hawk* alongside B-2 pilot Maj. Mike Means. The episode, which is scheduled for a June 10 release, will also feature air footage of the B-2 filmed by cameraman Brian Callahan from a T-38 and B-2 maintainers installed cameras inside the cockpit.

“(The B-2) gives me a patriotic feeling,” said Mr. Ermey. “I feel the awesome power that the aircraft radiates. Thank God it’s not coming over the hill looking for me!”

Mr. Ermey entertained Team Whiteman members with a 15-minute speech; briefly adopting his “Full Metal Jacket” persona. He followed the speech with an autograph and photo session.

Mr. Ermey said he enjoyed the hospitality he received from Whiteman members during his two-day visit Monday and Tuesday.

“These folks don’t need motivation,” Mr. Ermey said. “However, you can *never* have too much motivation! They seem to be extremely well-adapted and well-adjusted people. They’re all coordinated and really like their jobs.”

To prepare for his flight, Mr. Ermey took the same preparations as B-2 pilots, including a flight physical, flight mask test and an egress briefing.

“The viewers are going to get an understanding of what the pilot and aircrews go through,” said Rob Liahani, executive producer and director of “Mail Call.” “They’re going to see some of the maintenance of the aircraft, so our audience can see what the maintainers do to keep the aircraft mission capable.”

The show will also explore the history of the 509th Bomb Wing, and will feature the A-10 and Apache helicopter. Mr. Ermey also interviewed Lt. Col. Paul Tibbets, grandson of World War II pilot Paul Tibbets.

“Gunny saw first-hand the incredible B-2 Spirit, but more importantly the heart and soul our men and women pour into it,” said Lt. Col. Scott Young, 509th Operations Group.

Mr. Ermey said that fans of the show sent hundreds of e-mails requesting a show on the B-2. After more than six months of planning and coordination, the “Mail Call” crew was able to oblige. The show will also feature footage from the B-2’s recent deployment to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

“The B-2 is such a phenomenal capable aircraft,” Mr. Liahani said. “It’s such a recognizable shape in the sky. People just want to know about it. They want to tow about the people who take care of it and fly it. They want to know what contribution the B-2 makes to our national defense.”

“It’s a deterrent,” Mr. Ermey said of the B-2. “Isn’t that what it’s all about? Everybody in America realizes that the more power we display, the more sizable the deterrent for anyone to mess with us – plain and simple. *Hoorah!*”



R. Lee Ermey, host of the History Channel’s “Mail Call,” visited the 442nd Fighter Wing and the 1-135th Attack Battalion while filming Monday.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

R. Lee Ermey, host of the History Channel’s Mail Call, dangles from a harness as Master Sgt. James Gray, 509th Operations Support Squadron, shows him how to use a personal lowering device if he were caught in a tree or power line during an emergency parachute training class Monday. The training was performed to prepare Mr. Ermey for a B-2 flight Tuesday. Sergeant Gray is a Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape instructor.



R. Lee Ermey, retired Marine Corps gunnery sergeant, signs autographs for more than 200 Team Whiteman members. The Gunny visited here to film footage for his show “Mail Call” on the History Channel.

Education

For more details, visit the education center Web site at <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/home-page.htm>

Assessment survey set

The base training and education services flight is conducting a needs assessment survey to gauge the educational needs of the Whiteman community. Active-duty military, dependents, civilians and contractors are asked to complete the survey.

To access the survey, visit <https://afvec.langley.af.mil> and click on "Take the Survey." Feedback and comments are vital to ensure the training and education services flight offers programs that fit your needs.

Community

Emergency Services Fair set

A free Emergency Services Fair takes place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Central Missouri State University multipurpose building parking lot. The events include:

- ✓ Police dog demonstrations at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.
 - ✓ Blood drive from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 - ✓ Life flight demonstration at 10:30 a.m.
- For more details, call 660-747-5173.

The event is sponsored by the Civil Air Patrol, the Amateur Radio Club, the Holden and Warrensburg fire departments, the Johnson County Ambulance District and

fire protection districts, and the Whiteman fire department.

BCC luncheon scheduled

The next Base Community Council luncheon begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Mission's End. Clinton, Mo., is the featured community. Maj. Gen. Ann Harrell, Air Combat Command Maintenance and Logistics director, is the featured speaker.

The menu is roast beef with glazed potatoes and vegetable medley. The cost is \$8.50. Those interested in attending must R.S.V.P. by noon Monday. To R.S.V.P. or for more details, call 1st Lt. Ed Gulick at the public affairs office at 687-6122.

Chapel young adult programs start

The base chapel is sponsoring a young adult program at 6 p.m. Sunday. Free pizza, snacks and beverages will be supplied. This Sunday will begin a study of the "Purpose Driven Life."

A young adult bible study begins 6 p.m. Thursday.

Airmen's Attic patrons need ID

The Airmen's Attic is open to airmen basic to staff sergeants and their family members. Patrons must have an ID card to use the attic. Donations are welcome and may be dropped off 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The attic is in need of a television and DVD or VCR donation for a children's area. If you can help with this, call the family support center at 687-7132.

Air Force Band plays April 8

The Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants concert begins at 7 p.m. April 8 at the Midland Theater in Kansas

City, Mo. For tickets, mail a request with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Veteran's of Foreign War Programs, Suite 902 406 West 34th St., Kansas City, Mo., 64111, or pick up tickets 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the VFW National Headquarters security desk, 34th Street and Broadway Avenue in Kansas City, Mo., or at the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Office, 4600 East 63rd St. A limited supply of tickets are also available at the public affairs office Bldg. 509, Room 111. For more details, call the public affairs office at 687-6123.

Free concert scheduled

The Spirit of America Tour presents country music recording artists, The Oak Ridge Boys, in concert. The free show begins at 4 p.m. April 10 at the 442nd Fighter Wing's 5-bay hangar. This event is open to military members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their families. The concert is a presentation of the Robert and Nina Rosenthal Foundation, Inc., a California, non-profit corporation. This event is not open to the general public. For more details, call Meladee Bay at 687-6533.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for more details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing begins at 8 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserves and finance will provide information. For more information, call 687-1500 or 687-6720.

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Braving the Alaskan Cold



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Keith Brown

WHITE MOUNTAIN, Alaska — Maj. (Dr.) Tom Knolmayer drives his dog team into a checkpoint here, 77 miles from the Iditarod finish line in Nome, Alaska. Dr. Knolmayer spent 13 days, 22 hours, 13 minutes and 25 seconds on the trail, covering 1,161 miles. He is chief of surgery at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. Right: Major Knolmayer catches his breath after crossing the finish line at the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Nome, Alaska, on March 20 after 13 days, 22 hours, 13 minutes and 25 seconds on the trail, covering 1,161 miles. He is chief of surgery at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

Elmendorf Airman finishes Iditarod

By Capt. Amy Hansen
3rd Wing Public Affairs

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska (AFPN) — The only active-duty service member to compete in the 1,161-mile Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race this year crossed the finish line in Nome, Alaska, at 12:13 p.m. local time March 20.

Maj. (Dr.) Thomas Knolmayer, Elmendorf's chief of surgery, finished the race in 58th place out of 63 finishers.

He was on the trail 13 days, 22 hours, 13 minutes and 25 seconds. Sixteen mushers who started the race did not finish, many citing the warm weather, the resulting poor trail conditions and the impact both factors had on the well-being of their dogs.

Dr. Knolmayer finished the race with nine dogs

out of his original 16-dog team. The others were sent home at various checkpoints along the route because of illness or injuries, a standard procedure for all Iditarod teams.

Reports from the trail indicate the doctor battled mushy, rutted snow, a dunk in a river during which his sled got caught under an ice shelf, and overheated dogs, which he treated by packing their bellies with snow and allowing the canines to take frequent rest breaks.

Despite these challenges, the doctor persevered and managed to mush a distance about equal to the mileage between New York City and Orlando, Fla., in fewer than 14 days.

Dr. Knolmayer's wife, Tina; their 5-month-old son, Zane; and a camera crew from Elmendorf hailed the doctor's arrival under the burlled arch of Nome on March 20.



Javelin thrower honored by conference

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — Backed by a record-setting performance at the Arizona State University Invitational in Tempe, Ariz., javelin thrower Dana Pounds was named the Mountain West Conference Women's Track and Field Co-Athlete of the Week, league officials announced Tuesday.

With a toss of 182 feet 1 inch at the meet, Pounds set new academy and conference records, and she recorded the best throw in the nation this season. Her winning throw was more than 36-feet farther than the second-place finisher. Pounds shared the weekly honor with San Diego State University's Shayla Balentine, who recorded the nation's top collegiate pole vault mark.

Falcon swimmer Chris Knaute placed 21st in the 400-yard individual medley

prelims at the 2005 NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships on March 25 at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Knaute, the 2005 Mountain West Conference Men's Swimmer of the Year, finished at 3 minutes 51.93 seconds, which was a little more than one second off his career-best and school-best mark of 3:50.22. The following day, he placed 31st in the 1,650 yard freestyle finals at 15:22.73.

In lacrosse action, the Falcons played two matches during the week, losing the first, but winning the second. Both games went right down to the wire. In a closely contested match March 23, the Falcons lost a heartbreaker to Fairfield College in Fairfield, Conn., 10-9. With the score tied at 9-9 with just 1:05 remaining in the

contest, Fairfield's Travis Nelson scored the game-winning goal. In the second game, held at St. John's University in Queens, N.Y., the Falcons held off a third-period rally by the Red Storm to notch a 13-11 nonconference win. With the win, the academy team evened their overall record at 3-3.

The Air Force baseball team (5-17) split a doubleheader with the University of Northern Colorado (7-21) in Greeley, Colo., Tuesday. The Falcons took game one, 6-3, and the Bears won the second game, 15-6. In the opening game, the Falcons jumped out an early 5-0 lead and hung on to win 6-3. Air Force cranked out seven hits in the first two innings to build the big lead. In game two, an eight-run sixth inning helped UNC to a 15-6 win.

Sports shorts

Golf tournament scheduled

The 509th Mission Support Group hosts a spring golf tournament at 11 a.m. April 22 at Royal Oaks Golf Course. Tournament fees for airmen basic-senior airmen are \$27. The fee is \$30 for staff sergeants and above, and captains and below. For majors and above, the fee is \$32. Tournament fees include greens fees and cart rental. Prizes will be awarded for the closest to the pin and the longest drive.

Performance packages are available for \$10 per team. The packages include two mulligans, string and two red tee shots.

The tournament will be comprised of 36 four-man teams. For more details or to sign up, call Tech. Sgt. Horace Methvin at 687-6613, or email at horace.methvin@whiteman.af.mil.



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Sports & Recreation

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Wall Climbing Certification Class

Learn how to safely climb the 20-foot wall 9-11 a.m. Saturday at outdoor recreation. There is a 45-minute video, 15 minutes of instruction and a certification test for people 18 years and older. This is a free class.

Horseback riding adventure

Travel to Buck and Spurs Ranch in Ava, Mo., for a weekend of horseback riding, swimming, fishing, hiking, wagon rides and more. The cost of \$175 includes six hours of horseback riding, one-night lodging, dinner, breakfast and transportation. For more information, or to sign up by today call 687-5565.



Royal Oaks Golf Course 687-5572

Royal Oaks Chili bowl

The Royal Oaks Chili Bowl four-person scramble begins at 9 a.m. Saturday. The cost is \$15 plus cart and greens fee. Hit a hole in one on the No. 2 hole to win a 2002, 4x4 Chevy Silverado* truck valued at \$15,500 from Your Home Town Motors* in Knob Noster.



Royal Oaks tax relief tournament

Swing away the 2005 tax season at the Royal Oaks Tax Relief Tournament four-person scramble. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start April 16. The cost is \$15 plus cart and greens fee. Sign up by Thursday.

Food & Fun

Mission's End 687-4422

Bar bingo

Play bar bingo at 5 p.m. Fridays in the Lavene Lounge at the Mission's End. The cost is \$2 per sheet, three games per sheet. This is available to club members only.

Membership night

Members can take advantage of the week's bar snacks 5-7 p.m. for \$1 per plate (drinks not included). Today's special is Yankee barbeque.

Stars & Strikes 687-5114

Month of the Military Child special

The bowling center is offering free rental shoes Monday-April 10 for all dependent children.

Community Activities

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Scrapbooking sale

The skills development center offers a 25 percent discount on all in-stock scrapbooking materials during April.

Staying open late

The skills development center is staying open until 8 p.m. Wednesdays for your convenience. This is a good opportunity for you to work on projects, get help and advice with your crafts or pick up a new hobby.

Oil change special

The auto skills center is offering \$21.95 for five quarts of NAPA* premium oil and a Micro Guard* filter, they will also check and top off all fluids under the hood of your car, and check and adjust tire pressures during April.

Youth Center 687-5586

Volunteer coaches are needed

Coaches are needed for kindergartners through 12th graders coach pitch, softball, T-ball and baseball. Training and certification are provided by the youth center. Stop by the youth center to pick a volunteer packet or call 687-5586 for information and to sign up.

April fools comedy/magic night

Kindergartners-fourth graders can get together 6:30-9:30 p.m. today to learn tricks and play games. The cost is \$6 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers.

Tailgate party

Support the youth sports program by attending a banquet 5-7:30 p.m. April 20 at the Mission's End. Jared Allen, No. 69 of the Kansas City Chiefs, will be on hand to sign autographs from 5-6 p.m.

Teen Center 687-5819

Bowling in Warrensburg

Join friends for a night of bowling 6-10 p.m. Sunday at the Central Missouri State University campus. Bring money for bowling, shoe rental and snacks.

Dinner and a movie

Join friends 5-10 p.m. April 8 for dinner and a movie in Sedalia. The cost is \$1 bring money for dinner and admission to the movie.

Let's go camping!

Join your friends at 5 p.m. April 15 through 5 p.m. April 16 for a night in the wilderness at Truman Lake, Mo. Participants cook food over an open flame and tell stories around the camp fire. The next morning participants will rise early and head out to the lake to fish. The teen center will furnish tents and food, but you must bring a sleeping bag, a pillow, personal items and a fishing pole. Some of these items are available for rent at outdoor recreation 687-5565.

Community Center 687-5617

Snakes alive

Enjoy an afternoon of fun and education 1-2 p.m. April 9 with some of nature's most misunderstood creatures. Participants will have an opportunity to touch a live snake and watch a short film about Missouri snakes. Photography is encouraged.

Halo competition

Mature players are welcome to participate 11 a.m.-4 p.m. April 16 in HALO gaming. The cost is \$1 per person.

Family Child Care 687-1180

Base residents

Quality child care for military families is an important concern. Guidelines in Air Force Instruction 34-276, Family Child Care Programs, requires anyone providing in-home child care for 10 hours or more a week on a regular basis to be licensed. If you are currently unlicensed, you must cease care and apply for a family child care license. Call for more details.

Family Child Care orientation class

Receive training to become a family child care provider 8 a.m.-4 p.m. April 4-8. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. Sign up immediately. Stop by the family child care office and pick up a registration package any time during office hours.

Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

New puppy or kitten

Do you have a new puppy or kitten? The vet clinic staff provides vaccinations and de-wormer for your pet. They also have informational hand outs regarding the health of your newest family member. Visit the vet clinic at 401 Lockbourne Terrace between 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tickets & Travel 687-5643

Need airline tickets, hotel accommodations, cruise information or information on local attractions? Stop by the office located inside the skills development center 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays.

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4 p.m. April 10
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Ozark Inn 687-5476

Beginning Monday, carry-out items will be restricted to military members in uniform only. Contact the dining facility at 687-6503 for more details.